

DANIEL NAZIEN-crew steward in hotel department on vessel-He is a crew steward and he is a cabin steward, cleaning the cabin. He cleans 19 cabins. Has been 23 years with the company, has been a variety of function, security, garbage man, and now a steward. Has been with the Norway 14 years. Has returned from vacation for 3 months and a few weeks back on the vessel at the time of the event.

During the event he was in bed, inside his cabin. He lay down but was not asleep. He felt the vibrations and wanted to know what it was. Put his shirt on and grabbed his flashlight to see what was going on. Went to the gangway and vessel security people were telling him to go outside, so he went outside then they started to release crewmembers to go back. But the customs, immigration, and police were telling him, no, not to go back. Part of the reason was to help identify who was on the vessel and who was on shore. They were checking cabins to see where everyone had been. Once they went His cabin is C-1086, Caribbean deck, portside.

He grabbed his flashlight because he didn't know what was going on outside-therefore; he grabbed it just in case. The deck he wanted to go to was one deck above, Biscayne. When he went to Biscayne the door was open since the deck was at the dock. Once he left he could see other people leaving the ship as well.

But they were checking for him because he plays a "special" part of the evacuation. The place he left from the ship to the dock was amidships. There are four other people in his cabin with him. During the event three others were there. All got up at the same time, but he didn't know where they went to after the event. He estimates that he spent 4 to 5 hours on shore. But the whole time from leaving his cabin to exiting the ship was 5 minutes. No bells rung, no other indication of emergency.

His emergency duties is "special care," i.e., when someone needs a wheelchair. His job is to move the wheelchair, two in the front and two in the back, to help determine who needs a wheelchair.

He has never been in a real emergency before. He gets a new emergency position each time he returns to the vessel from vacation. He did not remember the previous emergency position that he had.

It was not possible for someone to leave the dock area. The people were immediately surrounded by police, INS, Customs, USCG, it was impossible to leave and go anywhere without the police approval, even to go the bathroom.